

REMARKS


The Notice of Non-Compliant indicated that an error occurred in the status of the claims. It is noted that Claim 17, first occurrence, was not presented in the Preliminary Amendment, thus, the attached claims show Claim 17, first occurrence. Otherwise, all of the claim designations are identical to that of the Preliminary Amendment.

Should any further fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

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